

UNVEILING OF THE PRINCE'S STATUE
AT ABERDEEN.

Thursday, October 13, 1863.

I was terribly nervous. Longed not to have to go through this fearful ordeal. Prayed for help, and got up earlier.

A bad morning. The three younger children (except Baby), William of Hesse,* and the ladies and gentlemen all gone on. I started sad and lonely, and so strange without my darling, with dear Alice, Lenchen, and Louis. We could not have the carriage open. At *Aboyne* we met Vicky and Fritz, and both the couples went with me in the railway; the Princes in Highland dress. I felt bewildered. It poured with rain, unfortunately. To describe the day's proceedings would be too painful and difficult; but I annex

* Youngest brother of Prince Louis of Hesse.